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1. At 11 a.m. on 17 June 1953, soldiers in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg were alerted over the hook-up system. Ten minutes later, trucks were loaded with ammunition and troops, with 1 officer and 20 to 25 soldiers to one truck. At noon, the trucks left the installation for the town.

                     On 30 June 74 officers reported for duty in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne. At about 9 a.m., a general and 12 officers entered the installation. At 10:15 a.m., truck              occupied by 1 officer and 4 soldiers, entered the installation and picked up 4 German civilians who had been arrested during the rebellion and evidently had been manhandled. A total of 46 civilians had been brought to the installation between 17 and 20 June. They apparently had also been manhandled. At 2:30 a.m. on 1 July, alert was sounded in the installation. At 2:45 a.m., the troops fell in, were distributed and left in the following order:

At 3:30 a.m., a field office of 11 men with trucks              including one towing a field kitchen; the last mentioned truck returned empty at about 1 p.m.

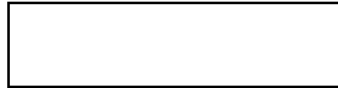
At 3:45 a.m., 6 gun-barrel trailers, 3 trailer mounts, and 3 prime movers towing trailers, organized in groups of each 2 gun-barrel trailers and trailer mounts and 1 prime mover with trailer; At 4 a.m., jeep              occupied by 3 officers and sedan              occupied by 4 officers; At 9 a.m., trucks              each occupied by 2 officers and 18 EM with signal equipment; At 4:45 p.m., 12 officers and 367 EM went to the swimming pool; at 5 p.m., 2 trailer mounts, 2 gun-barrel trailers, 2 prime movers with trailers, sedan              entered the installation through the rear gate. At 7 a.m. on 3 July, 46 officers reported for duty.

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- 25X1 At 7:30 a.m., truck [redacted] occupied by 11 officers with baggage and disassembled bicycles went to the station. At 9:30 a.m., 14 officers and 356 EM went to the swimming pool; they returned at 5:30 p.m.
- 25X1 At 11:30 p.m., 2 gun barrel trailers and 2 trailer mounts returned to the installation. Motor vehicle [redacted] occupied by four officers entered the installation and for some time parked in the yard. On 8 July, reveille was at 3:30 a.m.; at 4 a.m., 10 prime movers, including 4 towing trailer mounts, 4 towing gun-barrel trailers and 2 towing trailers, left the installation. At 4:30 a.m., they were followed by jeep [redacted] by 3 officers and, at 5 a.m., by trucks [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] each occupied by 2 officers and 18 EM, and including a field office. At 5:15 a.m., field office trucks [redacted] with trailers and occupied by each 2 officers and 18 EM left the installation.
- 25X1 2. Prior to 8 July, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of about 50 troops which occasionally engaged in physical training. The Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of not more than 40 soldiers.<sup>1</sup>
- [redacted] 3. On 9 July, troops were loaded on 2 boxcars, equipment on 1 boxcar and vehicles and equipment on 10 flatcars at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The shipment was bound for Altengrabow [redacted]
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- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the two first mentioned installations similarly occupied prior to 12 July. The alerts and the marching-out of units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) after 1 July were probably made in connection with short-term exercises in the vicinity of the post. This would also account for the information in the reference report, according to which the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was only partially occupied during this period of time.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The shipment [redacted] had previously been indicated in reports on transportation.

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